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In the Specification:

On page 1 after the title and before the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraphs:

Applicants claim, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365, the benefit of priority of the filing date of November 12, 2003 of a Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application, Serial Number PCT/EP2003/012660, filed on the aforementioned date, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application Serial Number PCT/EP2004/000288 was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

Applicants claim, under 35 U.S.C. § 119, the benefit of priority of the filing date of November 12, 2002 of a German patent application, Serial Number 102 52 457, filed on the aforementioned date, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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